

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and a violation of the FCC rules.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. It seems clear to me that Sinclair intends to violate the regulations and then stall whatever FCC does about it. In the end, they may pay a small fine, but the damage has been done. Please do not allow Sinclair to get away with this.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.